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2) https://quran.com/al-falaq

BACK

THE BACKGROUND 1

Adapted from Tafsir Ibn Ashur

Themes and purpose:

This surah is a core lesson in seeking refuge with Allah. Its purpose is to teach the Prophet (□) and the believers an all-encompassing prayer to seek protection from all sources of evil: from general creation, from the darkness of night, from sorcery, and from the malicious intent of the hateful and envious.

Context of Revelation:

- Era: The stronger view is that it is Makkan, though a report about the sorcery of Labīd ibn al-Aʿṣam led some to argue it is Madinan.

- Context: The surah was revealed to provide the Prophet (ﷺ) with the specific, powerful words to seek protection from the general evils of the world, especially the hidden and spiritual dangers that threatened him and his community.

- Chronology: It is counted as the 20th surah in the order of revelation, revealed after Sūrat al-Fīl and before al-Nās.

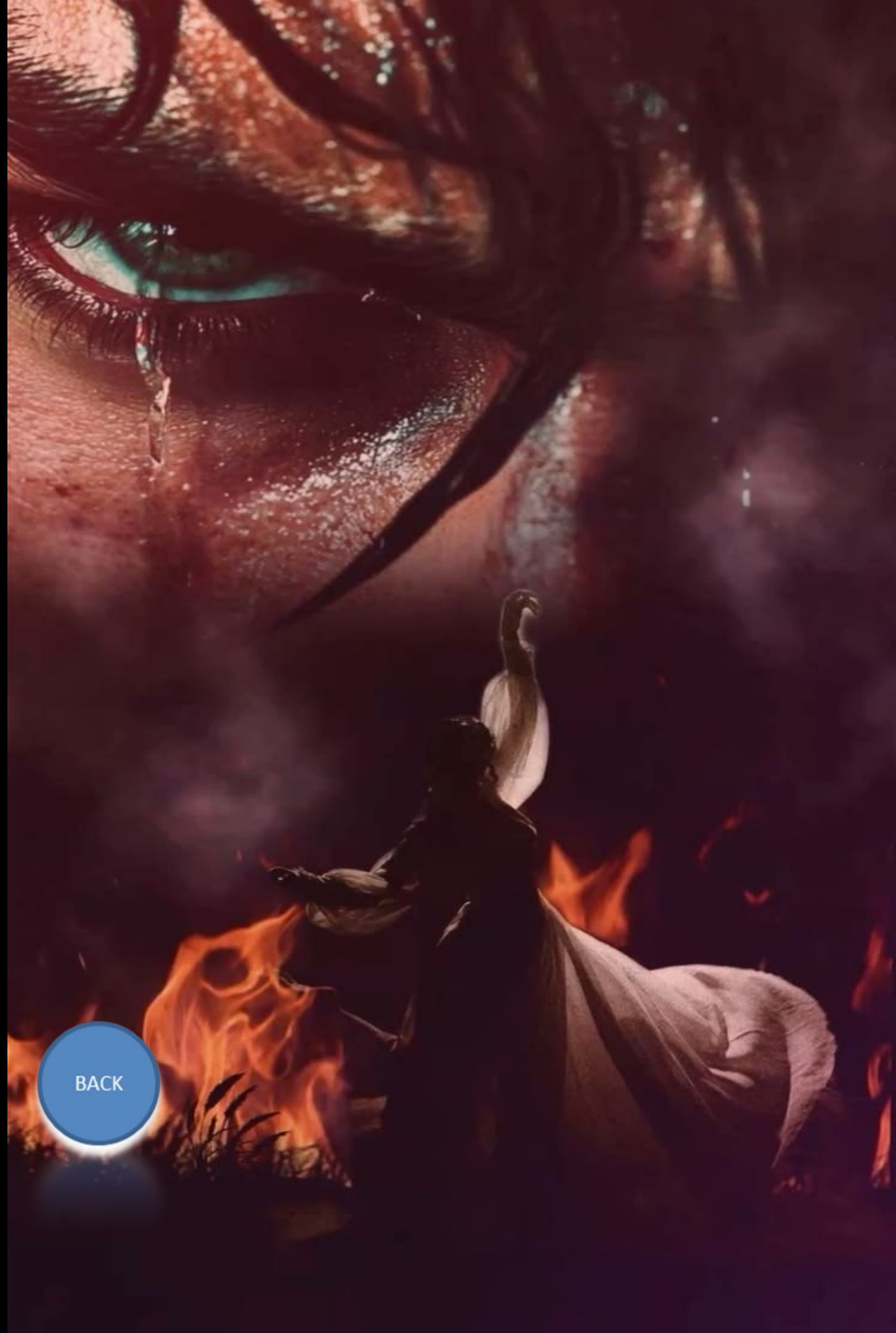
Name and Virtue

- Name: The surah is known as "Sūrat al-Falaq" (The Daybreak) and by its opening ayah.

- Virtue: The Prophet (ﷺ) declared that no one could read anything more effective than this surah and Sūrat al-Nās for seeking protection: together they are called "al-Muʿawwidhatān" (The Two Protectors).

Surah Overview:

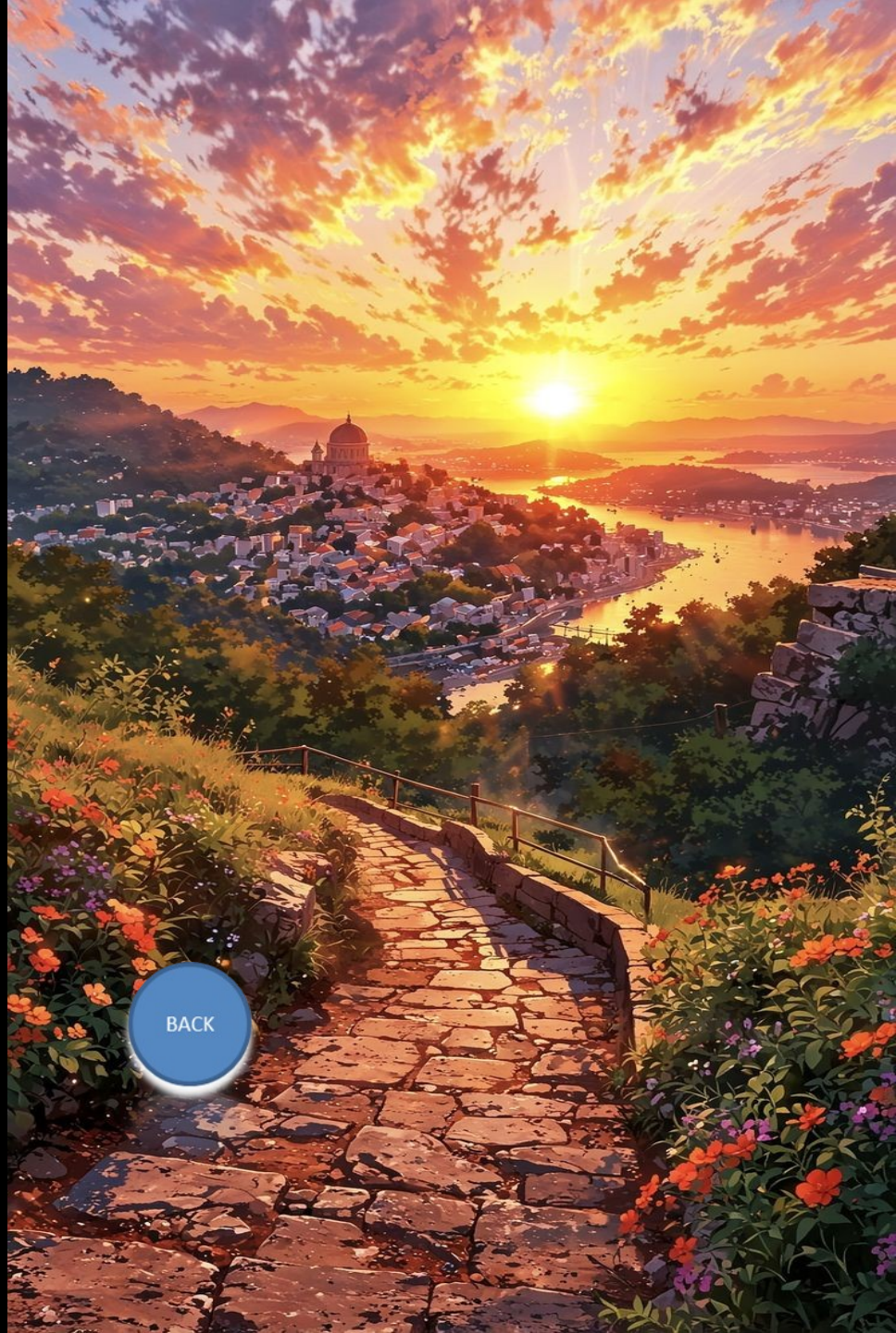
- Instructing the Prophet (ﷺ) and the believers to seek refuge with the Lord of the Daybreak. [1]
- General Harms: Seeking protection from the evil in all creation. [2]
- Hidden Harms: Seeking protection from the evil that lurks in the darkness of the night. [3]
- Spiritual Harm: Seeking protection from the spiritual evil of those who participate in the dark arts. [4]
- Psychological Harm: Seeking protection from the envy of the jealous when he envies. [5]



THE AYAT IN DETAILS 2

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ ٱلْفَلَقِ ١

Say, “O Prophet,” “I seek refuge in the Lord of the daybreak

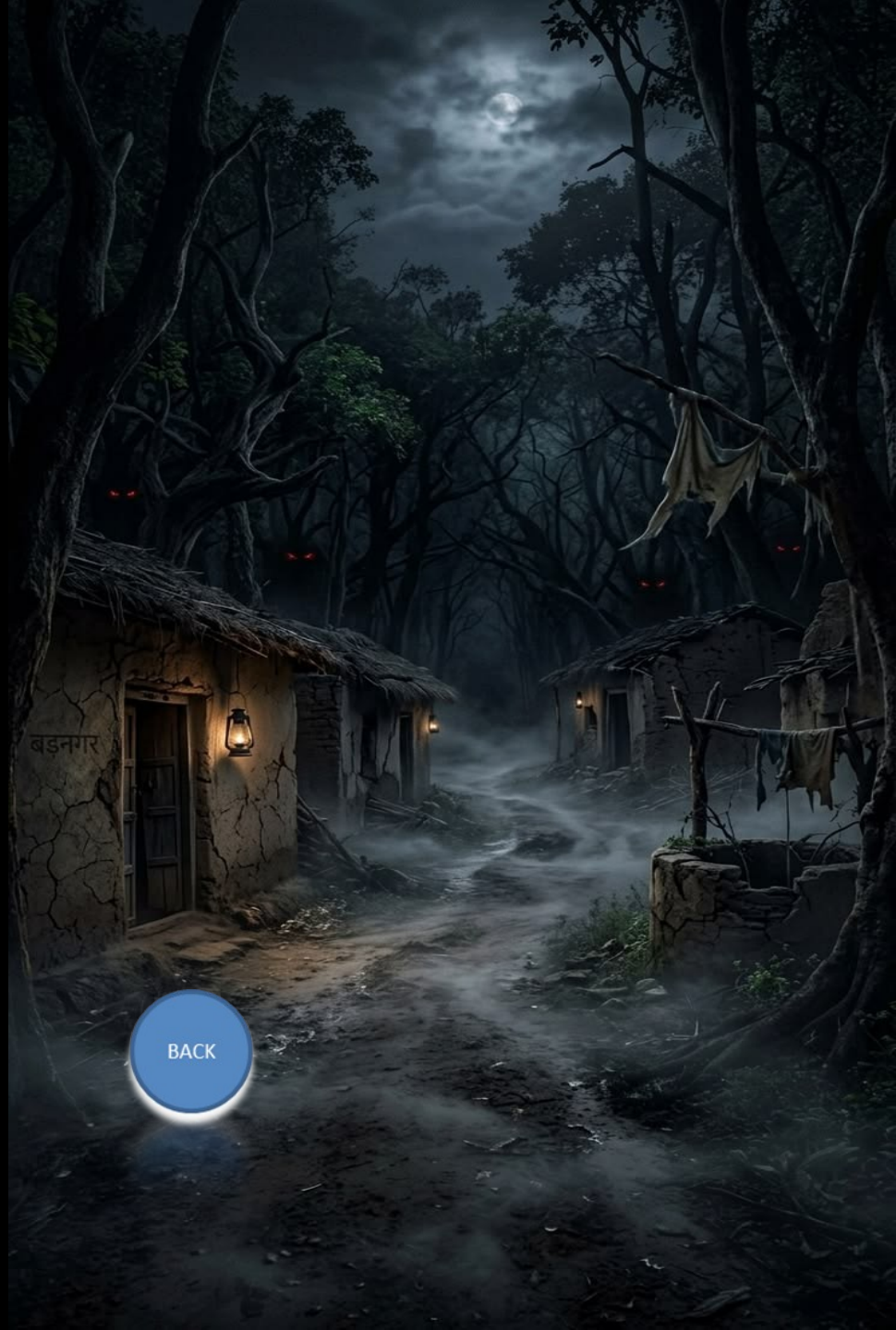


مِن شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ۝٢

from the evil of whatever He has created,

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ ٱلْفَلَقِ ﴿١﴾ مِن شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ﴿٢﴾ وَمِن شَرِّ
غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ ﴿٣﴾ وَمِن شَرِّ ٱلنَّفَّٰثَٰتِ فِى ٱلْعُقَدِ ﴿٤﴾

and from the evil of the night when it grows dark,

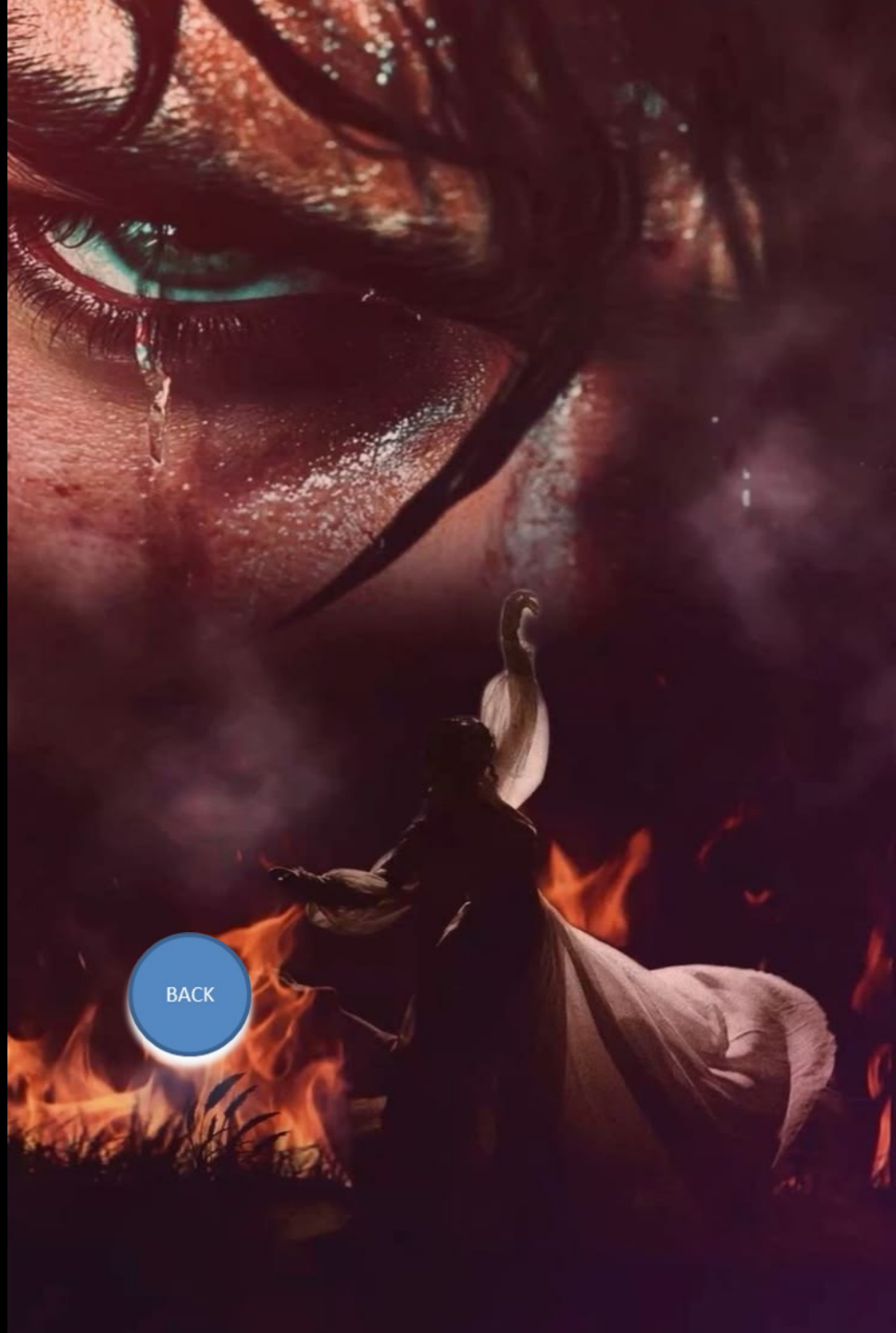


وَمِن شَرِّ ٱلنَّفَّٰثَٰتِ فِى ٱلْعُقَدِ ﴿٤﴾

and from the evil of those witches casting spells by blowing onto knots,

وَمِن شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ ٥

and from the evil of an envier when they envy.”



EXCERCISES
BACK

1. Remembering (Recall)

1) What is the name of this surah?
2) How many verses are there in Surah Al-Falaq?
3) Is Surah Al-Falaq Makki or Madani?
4) What does the word "Al-Falaq" mean?
5) With what command does the surah begin?

1. Remembering (Recall)

6) In whom are we commanded to seek refuge?
7) Mention the four things from which Allah teaches us to seek refuge.
8) Which verse mentions the darkness of the night?
9) Which verse refers to those who blow on knots?
10) Which verse speaks about envy?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1) Why does Allah command us to seek refuge in Him alone?
2) Why is Allah described as "Lord of the Daybreak"?
3) What kinds of harm can come from Allah's creation?
4) Why can darkness become a time of danger?
5) What is meant by "those who blow on knots"?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

6) Why is envy considered harmful?
7) What lesson does this surah teach about Allah's protection?
8) How does this surah strengthen a believer's trust in Allah?
9) Explain why all four dangers mentioned have one thing in common.
10) What is the central message of Surah Al-Falaq?

3. Applying

1) When should a Muslim recite Surah Al-Falaq?
2) How can this surah help someone who feels afraid?
3) If someone is jealous of you, how should this surah affect your response?
4) How can remembering this surah increase your reliance on Allah in daily life?

3. Applying

5) If you are worried about unseen harm, what should you do according to this surah?
6) How can you practice seeking Allah's protection every day?
7) Which situations in modern life remind you of the lessons in this surah?
8) How can this surah help you avoid fear of people and place your trust in Allah instead?

4. Analyzing

1) Why are these four specific dangers mentioned instead of listing every possible danger?
2) Compare harm that comes from nature with harm caused intentionally by people.
3) What relationship exists between the command to seek refuge and the dangers listed afterward?
4) Why is envy mentioned separately from general harm?

4. Analyzing

5) How do both visible and invisible dangers appear in this surah?
6) Analyze how the order of the verses moves from general dangers to more specific ones.
7) How does this surah show that not every danger can be prevented by human effort alone?
8) Compare the dangers mentioned in Surah Al-Falaq with challenges people face today.

5. Evaluating

1) Why is seeking Allah's protection better than relying only on your own strength?
2) Which of the four dangers mentioned do you think is most difficult for people to recognize? Explain your answer.
3) Why is envy harmful to both the envier and the one who is envied?

5. Evaluating

4) How does believing in Allah's protection bring peace to a believer?
5) Evaluate the importance of regularly reciting Surah Al-Falaq in a Muslim's daily routine.
6) Why should Muslims avoid fearing superstitions while still seeking Allah's protection from real harm?
7) Do you think this surah is still relevant in today's world? Give reasons for your answer.

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

1) Write a short summary of Surah Al-Falaq in your own words.
2) Create a mind map showing the different types of harm mentioned in the surah.
3) Design a daily routine that includes practicing the teachings of Surah Al-Falaq.
4) Write a short reflection explaining how this surah increases your trust in Allah.

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

5) Create a real-life scenario where reciting Surah Al-Falaq would be appropriate.
6) Write a prayer asking Allah for protection using the ideas found in this surah.
7) Draw or design a diagram showing how Allah's protection surrounds a believer who sincerely seeks refuge in Him.
8) Imagine explaining Surah Al-Falaq to a younger child. What simple words would you use?

Higher-Order Reflection Questions

5) Why do you think Allah teaches believers to seek refuge before teaching them how to face many dangers?
6) What does Surah Al-Falaq teach us about dangers that we cannot see?
7) How does this surah balance awareness of danger with trust in Allah?

Higher-Order Reflection Questions

5) In what ways can envy harm individuals, families, and communities?

6) What changes in a person's character can result from sincerely living according to the teachings of Surah Al-Falaq?

7) How do Surah Al-Falaq and Surah An-Nas complement each other in teaching believers to seek Allah's protection?

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